

## Prayer is a powerful thing.

It is the act of holy connection with our God who loves us unconditionally. We in turn express our love to God. What a blessing to be welcomed into relationship with our Creator.

The world is in great need of prayer. It would be wonderful if everyone in our church family spent 30 minutes praying for each other, our communities, our country and for all the world.

You are invited to sign up for one or more 30 minute prayer times. We will keep vigil 24 hours from Thursday night April 18, 9:00 pm until Friday night April 19, 9:00 pm in our own Love Chapel beginning after the community celebration of Maundy Thursday at Centennial Christian Church and continuously through Good Friday.

A sign up board is located in the library near Steve's Desk.

We welcome all to participate in this community prayer vigil. If you are unable to participate by praying in Love Chapel, please sign up for one or more times on the sheet for Alternate Prayer Site, indicating where you will be praying. For example, some may choose to pray at home, or while walking in a park.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 14:**

Palm Sunday -  
10:30 am in  
the Sanctuary

**April 18:**

Maundy  
Thursday - 6  
pm dinner and  
7 pm worship  
at Centennial  
Christian  
Church, 4950  
Fountain Ave

**April 18-19:**

Prayer Vigil

**April 19:**

Good Friday -  
Stations of the  
Cross will be  
available in the  
Sanctuary for  
meditation

**April 21:**

Easter -10:30  
am in the  
Sanctuary

# Don't forget your Project NOW lent donations

For each week in Lent, we are encouraging donations to Project NOW. You can donate one item each week or multiple. Let your heart guide your donations. Donations can be delivered to the church office.

-Julie DeKinder

Week 1: Small unisex birthday toys/trinkets.

Week 2: Individual pudding cups

Week 3: Children's books!

Week 4: Fruit cups and applesauce cups

Week 5: Children's socks and underwear

Week 6: Canned meat: tuna and chicken



## A thank you from Nurses for Newborns

Please know how much we all appreciate the beautiful blankets made by your church members! We are also grateful for your prayers for our struggling families. We could not meet our clients' needs without the generosity of so many in the community.

Thank you!  
Nurses for Newborns

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## Easter Lily Order Form

Lilies for Easter Sunday may be purchased for \$10 each. Please complete this form and place it in the offering tray, or return it to the church office along with your check made payable to "WGCC". Please write "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.

**\$3 of each order will go to support The Shepherd's Center. Orders are due by April 14, 2019.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of: (circle one)

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# Israel, Ghana and beyond! Disciples women will span the globe in April

I hope to see all of you at our General Business meeting and luncheon on Thursday, April 4. We need everyone to come to the meeting at 11 a.m. We will be electing new officers for next year and your vote counts! We will also be discussing revisions of our by-laws.

The luncheon will be a sack lunch, as usual. The exciting part is that Dr. Jeff Moore will be speaking to us on "Israel: from Bible days to present day." This will be a great program as we lead up to Easter Sunday on April 21.

April is going to be a busy month. With Maundy Thursday service on April 18, the Tabitha Group will move their meeting to April 11.

WGCC will be hosting the Southeast Gateway Disciples Women Spring Festival on Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Julie Wood will be organizing it. She will need help from all of us on serving and cleanup. Please mark your calendar to attend. The speaker for this event will be Regional Minister Penny Ross-Corona on her trip to Ghana and South Africa last year.

The service project for April will be a money collection for laundry detergent for Webster/Rock Hill Ministries. Pat Roseman buys the detergent in bulk and then we divide it up into smaller containers. We will be doing the 'dividing' on Thursday, April 25 at 9am. Come to the Heritage room for some 'clean fun'.

The group meetings for April (all on Thursday, April 11)

Lydia Group: 9:30am; Arlene Sullivan's house

Martha group: 12:30pm: Heritage Room (WGCC), Marjean Davis & Jane Yount, hosting

Tabitha group: 7 pm; Heritage Room (WGCC), Pat Roseman, hosting  
- Sally Smith



## **FAIR TRADE SWEETENS YOUR EASTER BASKETS**

SPRING has arrived!

Fair Trade offers a surprise.

CHOCOLATE is the label

Look for COCONUT and MINT on the table.

\$3 each bar

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## **Go to the Cards game with John Gerdes and Co.**

The Compton-Drew ILC Middle School Concert Band, under the direction of WGCC member John Gerdes, is returning to Busch Stadium. The band will play "God Bless America" during pre-game festivities, just prior to the National Anthem. As usual, we have tickets for sale to support our performance. This year we have BOX SEATS, which normally sell for \$48, at the super-discount

rate: \$25 each or two for \$45. Proceeds benefit scholarships to summer music programs for Compton-Drew band kids.

Date: Monday, April 22 Time: 6:45 PM (band plays at 6:30)

Event: Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers

Tickets: Section 169/170 – \$25 each/2 for \$45

Contact John ASAP for your tickets! (314) 963-1994

[john.gerdes@slps.org](mailto:john.gerdes@slps.org)

# YOUR MIND: WEBSTER ROCK HILL MINISTRIES TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 13 doors open at 6:30. Trivia begins at 7  
First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, 10 W. Lockwood Ave  
\$25 per person  
Bring your own food/drink.

There will be a silent auction and lots of fun raffles.  
Sign-up in the Narthex on Sunday morning, or notify the church office.  
We'd love to have two winning tables like we did for KAECp Trivia!

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# YOUR BELLY: SHEPHERD'S CENTER CHEF WARS 2019

## Last Year's Menu!

Prosciutto Wrapped Halibut  
BBQ Spiced Shrimp  
Sweet Chili Braised Pork Belly  
Ying & Yang Seafood Special  
Smoked Veal Osso Bucco  
*Olive Encrusted Lamb Loin*  
Cranberry Apple Stuffed Pork Loin



*Chocolate Lava Cake*  
*Oreo Truffles*  
Goey Butter Brownie  
Ginger Custard Tarts  
Caramel Brownie Parfait  
Mango and Kiwi Mousse  
*Candied Bacon Chocolate Cake*

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 14, 2019  
5:30-8 pm

**WHERE:** Kirkwood Community Center  
111 S Geyer Rd., 63122

**WHY:** Fundraiser to support the  
Shepherd's Center

**WHAT:** Chef War, Silent Auction, 50/50

**TICKET PRICE:** \$40 (all inclusive food, beer/ wine)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE:**  
Shepherd's Center  
1333 West Lockwood Ave., 63122 or  
Online at: [www.shepherdscenter-wk.org](http://www.shepherdscenter-wk.org)  
Seating is limited!  
314-395-0988 for more information

*Proceeds will help older adults remain active and independent*



# Have breakfast with the Inn crowd

Join us Friday, May 10, for the 10th Annual "Breakfast with the Inn Crowd," which helps Room at the Inn break down barriers for the homeless in our community.

Where: Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road.

When: 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. Friday, May 10

More information [roomstl.org](http://roomstl.org) or call 314-209-9181.

Interested in volunteering? Email [maryk@roomstl.org](mailto:maryk@roomstl.org). Sponsorship and program advertising opportunities are available!



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## ... or take a hike against hunger

Join Memorial Boulevard Christian Church on April 27 for a Hike Against Hunger.

The church is working in partnership with Week of Compassion and Church World Service to fund the repair of six homes damaged by hurricanes in Puerto Rico. This year's goal is \$12,000.

All are welcome to join in walking all 20K of the route, or whatever portion you can! If you can't make it that day, your donations to the cause would be very appreciated!

More information about our past hikes can be found on our web site at <http://mbccstl.com/>

Here's how it works: On April 27, come to 3914 Botanical A, the home of Margie Pride. Gather between 7:30-7:45 a.m. to register, receive instructions and have a short prayer.



Walking begins at 8:00 a.m. The hike is 20 kilometers or 12.6 miles through the St. Louis City streets.

Drivers will drive the route picking up people as needed. There is a breakfast break after 6 miles at the home of Steve & Sandra Steele, 5069 Lindenwood. Lunch is also provided at the end of the Hike.

# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## Recent concerns

- For Carole Frankenberger and her family, following the death of Richard Frankenberger on Feb. 28.
- For the mother of Steve Kutheis, who is suffering from Alzheimers and recently moved to a rehab facility.
- For Marilyn Combs' daughter Janet, who recently was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- For Samantha and Charlotte, granddaughters of John and Shah Smith as one heads off to college and another faces challenges.
- For Sue Winchester, a friend of Donna Wolff.
- For Betty, a friend of the Smith's with terminal cancer.
- For Antonio, a student of Keiler Swartz struggling with middle school.
- For Latonya Boyd, friend of Billie Swartz who recently lost her son.
- For the family of Chris Webb, whose mother recently passed away.
- Layton Stewart, recovering from heart surgery.
- Tom Wood, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Gilda Rzchowski's friends Linda and Larry, battling Alzheimers and recently suffering a broken neck.
- For Craig Wood, who is recovering.
- For Lou Garr, a friend of Bob Rose's who is battling cancer.
- For Analyn Howells, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For Andy Lindberg, who is recovering from a foot amputation.
- Dick Savage, who continues to ask for our prayers.
- For Laura Stuetzer, who is traveling to Holland.
- For Jane Yount.
- Bill Sullivan, as he continues to recuperate.

## Thanks for ...

- For a new grandson for Greg Eilers.
- For all those donating books to Project NOW.
- For all the veterans who have served our country.
- The gifts and spirit of our musicians.



- For Lester Syrus Townsend, uncle of Carole Hughes. He's the second-oldest man in America and recently celebrated his 111th birthday.

## Community

- For victims of natural disasters, as we minister to them through our week of compassion offering.
- For refugees and immigrants.
- For families who have lost children to domestic violence.

## Ongoing concerns

- Bill Woodrome
- John Norris
- Doris Derickson
- Kathy Carson
- Michelle Fielden
- Jane Michener

# UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCESS THE CALENDAR  
AT [WGCC.ORG](http://WGCC.ORG)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

11 a.m.: CWF general meeting and luncheon

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

7 p.m. Lenten Study

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

7:30 a.m.: Foodbank run

CWF group meetings

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

9:30 a.m. Gateway Women's Spring Festival

7 p.m.: Webster Rock Hills Ministry Trivia Night

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**PALM SUNDAY**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

5:30 p.m.: Shepherd's Center Chef Wars

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

9:30 a.m. Sewing group

6 p.m.: Maundy Thursday, Centennial Christian

9 p.m.: Prayer vigil begins

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

Prayer vigil, Stations of the Cross meditation

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

9 a.m. Cardmakers

5 p.m.: Room at the Inn

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

7:30 a.m.: Hike Against Hunger

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

9 a.m.: Christian formation

10:30 a.m.: Worship

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

10 a.m. Matthew Gospel Study

Deadline for Witness

# Webster Groves Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A Global Mission Congregation  
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**The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/>**

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